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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 676

House of Representatives, February 27, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing for the Use of Green and White Lights on Civil Emergency Preparedness Vehicles for the Right of Way of these Vehicles and for the Qualification of Certain Civil Emergency Preparedness Personnel.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 946, first sentence is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Police, fire department, civil emergency preparedness, traffic emergency repair vehicles, rescue units and ambulances, when operated in response to calls, shall have the right of way.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1368, 3rd ¶ is amended to read:

There shall not be used on or in connection with any motor vehicle a red or blue light, the beam from which is visible to the front of said vehicle, except that emergency vehicles, so called, may display lights which emit a red or blue or green and white beam to the front thereof only under the following classifications:

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 1368, sub-§ 3, first ¶, as amended by PL 1965, c. 155, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Lights used on vehicles engaged in highway maintenance, wreckers and public utility emergency service vehicles shall emit an amber beam of light.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 1368, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. Civil emergency preparedness vehicles. Lights used on civil emergency preparedness vehicles, rescue and feeding vans and emergency snowmobile

transportation units, duly authorized and designated by each county director for the county and municipal departments of civil emergency preparedness in the geographical boundaries of each county, shall emit a green or green and white beam of light. Such light may be displayed but shall not be in operation except while such vehicle is in use for civil emergency preparedness emergency service.

Sec. 5. 37-A MRSA § 54, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 728, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

The director shall, by rule and regulation, establish requirements for the training, experience and qualifications of those persons manning emergency rescue, feeding or transportation units, whether volunteer or employed, so that such persons may have sufficient emergency care training to adequately respond to civil emergency preparedness safety emergency service.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide:

1. Green or green and white emergency lights for civil emergency preparedness vehicles;
2. That such vehicles shall have the right of way on the highways; and
3. That personnel responding to emergency service shall be qualified.